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MEMORANDUM FOR: 25X1A

1. Reference an "off-the-record" talk at 2:30 p.m., 12 May, in the Mayflower Hotel by the DCI, pursuant to an invitation you received from the Undersecretary of Commerce, you may deem it desirable to get in touch again with that Government department in view of the following information.

2. I had a telephone call from a man who described himself as Charles Hersum, Department of Commerce, Extension 3717. He said the Department of Commerce will have a morning session on 12 May, when the speakers will be: Manly Fleischmann and Governor Hoegh. The afternoon speaker will be Mr. Dulles. They hope he will give a major talk somewhat similar, but of course not identical, to his speech in New Orleans.

3. Mr. Hersum said that there will be 500 industrialists present. While the speech is listed as "off-the-record", this is meaningless not only because of the number of people in attendance but also because Mr. Hersum advises that some of them are cleared for security and some of them are not cleared; he therefore recommends that the DCI not reveal any classified information in his talk. He also stated that at the conclusion of the meeting they anticipate putting out a brochure containing the addresses of Fleischmann, Hoegh and Dulles.

4. Until this call from Mr. Hersum I had believed that this was an informal, off-the-record talk which the Director could make from a few informal notes. However, that does not seem to be what is in their minds and embarrassment to all concerned might be prevented by straightening the matter out now.

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